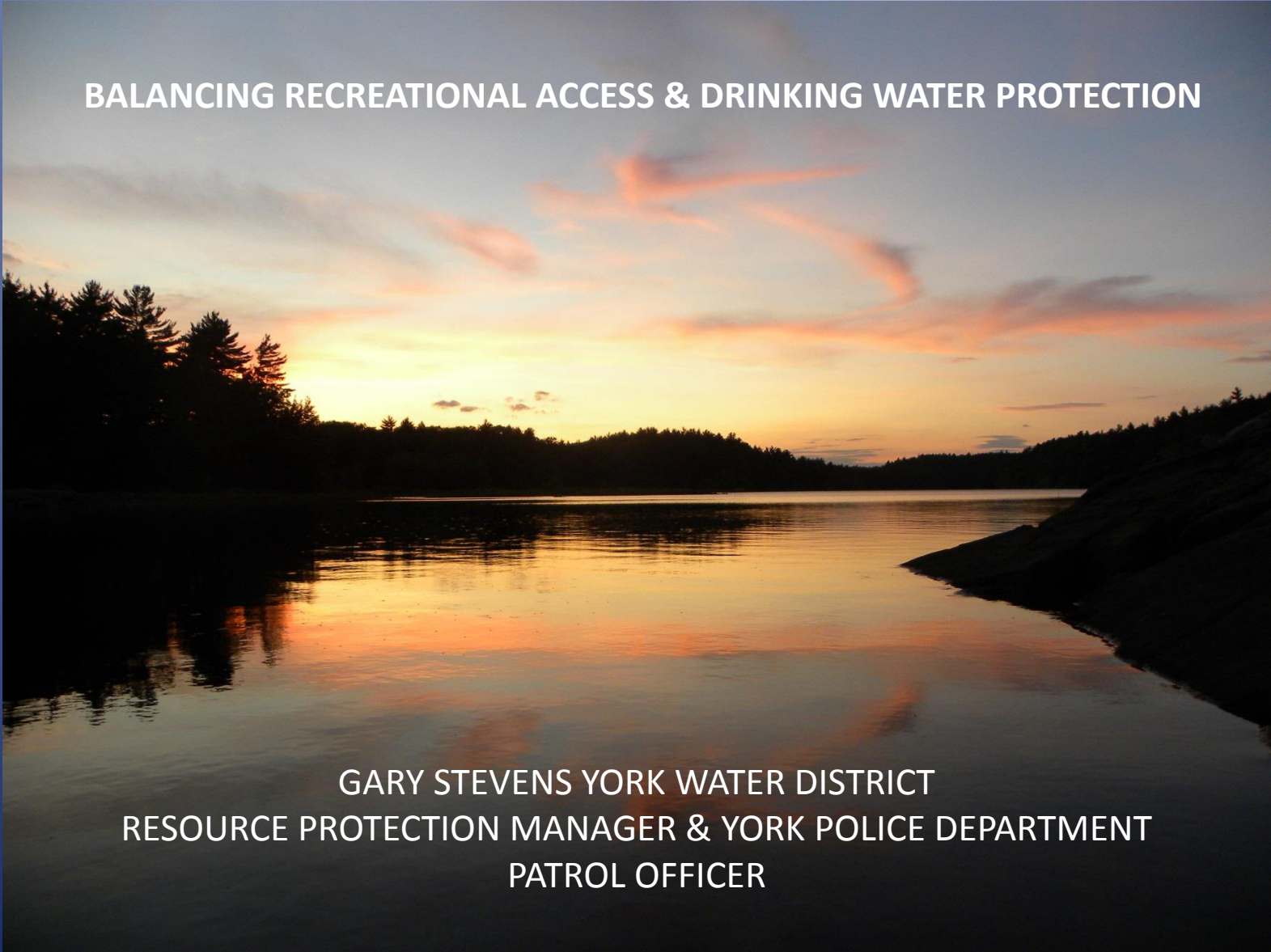


LESSONS FROM THE WOODS

BALANCING RECREATIONAL ACCESS & DRINKING WATER PROTECTION



GARY STEVENS YORK WATER DISTRICT
RESOURCE PROTECTION MANAGER & YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT
PATROL OFFICER

What We'll Cover Today

1. Who we are, who our neighbors are, our location, brief history of the area.
2. What caused the Districts to get into patrolling (problems), evolution of patrols. Benefits of this program.
3. Watershed reports and record keeping.
4. Signs; rules and policy, directional (S&R).
5. Watershed Brochures, ATV Permit Program.
6. The little things that make a big difference.
7. What about dogs?
8. Process to losing privilege.
9. Social media, ups & downs.
10. Trail cameras.



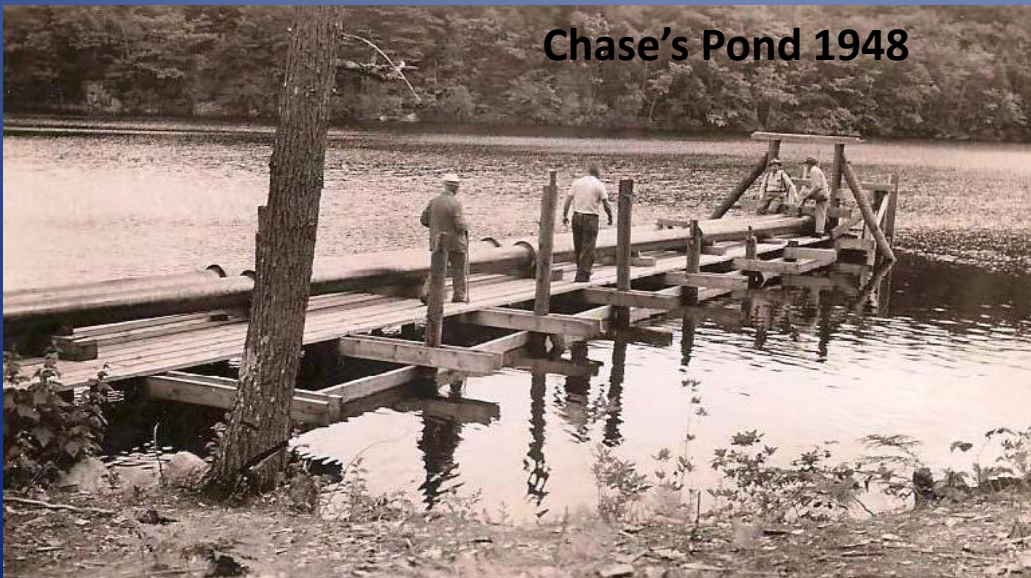
YORK WATER DISTRICT

We Care About Every Drop



For over 100 years, beginning in 1896, the York Water District has continuously provided quality drinking water to the Town of York. We are dedicated to conserving and protecting the District's natural resources and assets to ensure high quality drinking water at the most responsible cost.

Our sole source of supply is Chase's Pond, approximately 2100 acre watershed, current ownership; 1981 acres.



Chase's Pond 1948

Much of the water in Chase's Pond originates as rain and snowmelt on the east facing slope of Mt. Agamenticus (Mt. A.)

Meet the Neighbors...

KITTERY WATER DISTRICT

Established in 1907, Kittery Water District recognizes that water and watersheds must be preserved, conserved and protected; that an adequate supply of clean water is a basic human right; that water is a public trust, to be guarded by all levels of government acting as an equal partner with the public; and that the best advocates for water are local communities and citizens.

KWD owns 4 ponds/reservoirs ALL are located in the town of York; Bell Marsh Reservoir, Boulter Pond, Folly Pond and Middle Pond. Currently the KWD owns approximately 2,500 acres.



Mt. AGAMENTICUS PARK & CONSERVATION REGION

Mt. Agamenticus is known for its rich natural resources and unique trail system. State, local and non-profit landowners/partners collectively known as the Mt. A Steering Committee are working together to balance protection of these lands for wildlife habitat and water quality while providing opportunities for safe and sustainable recreation.

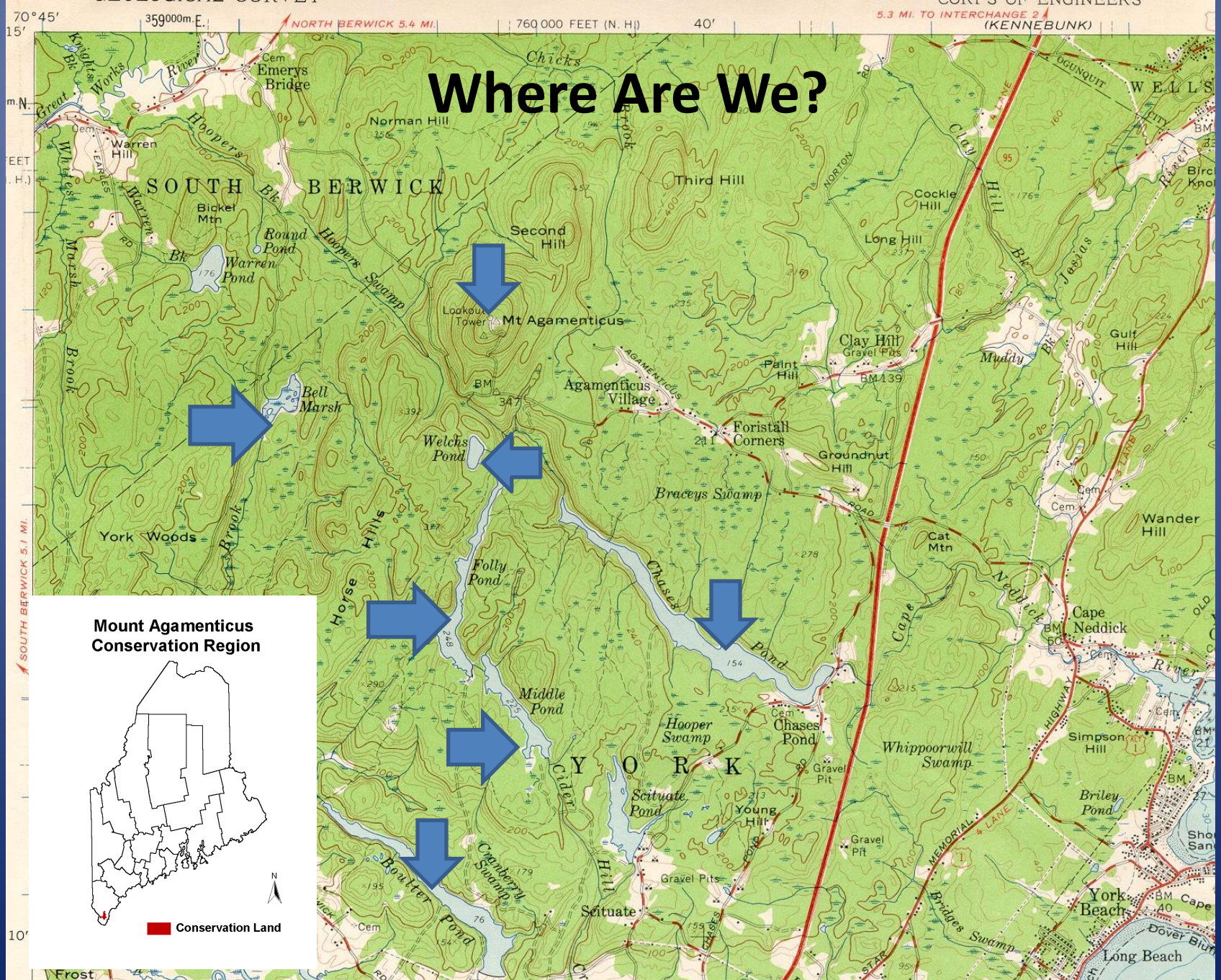
PARTNERS INCLUDE:

Town of York, Town of South Berwick,
York Land Trust

Great Works Regional Land Trust, The Nature
Conservancy, State of Maine and
York Water District



Where Are We?



In Addition.....

The Mount Agamenticus to the Sea Conservation Initiative (MtA2C)

Is an effort led by a coalition of ten national, regional and local partners representing federal and governmental agencies, statewide land protection organizations and three local land trusts to protect a network of connected conservation lands and natural resources within a 48,000-acre focus area in 6 Southern Maine towns for the benefit of people and wildlife.

To date, almost 13,000 acres have been conserved in the MtA2C region. By 2032, MtA2C will protect at least 6,000 more acres to bring the total conserved land in the Mount Agamenticus to the Sea focus area to 19,000 acres.

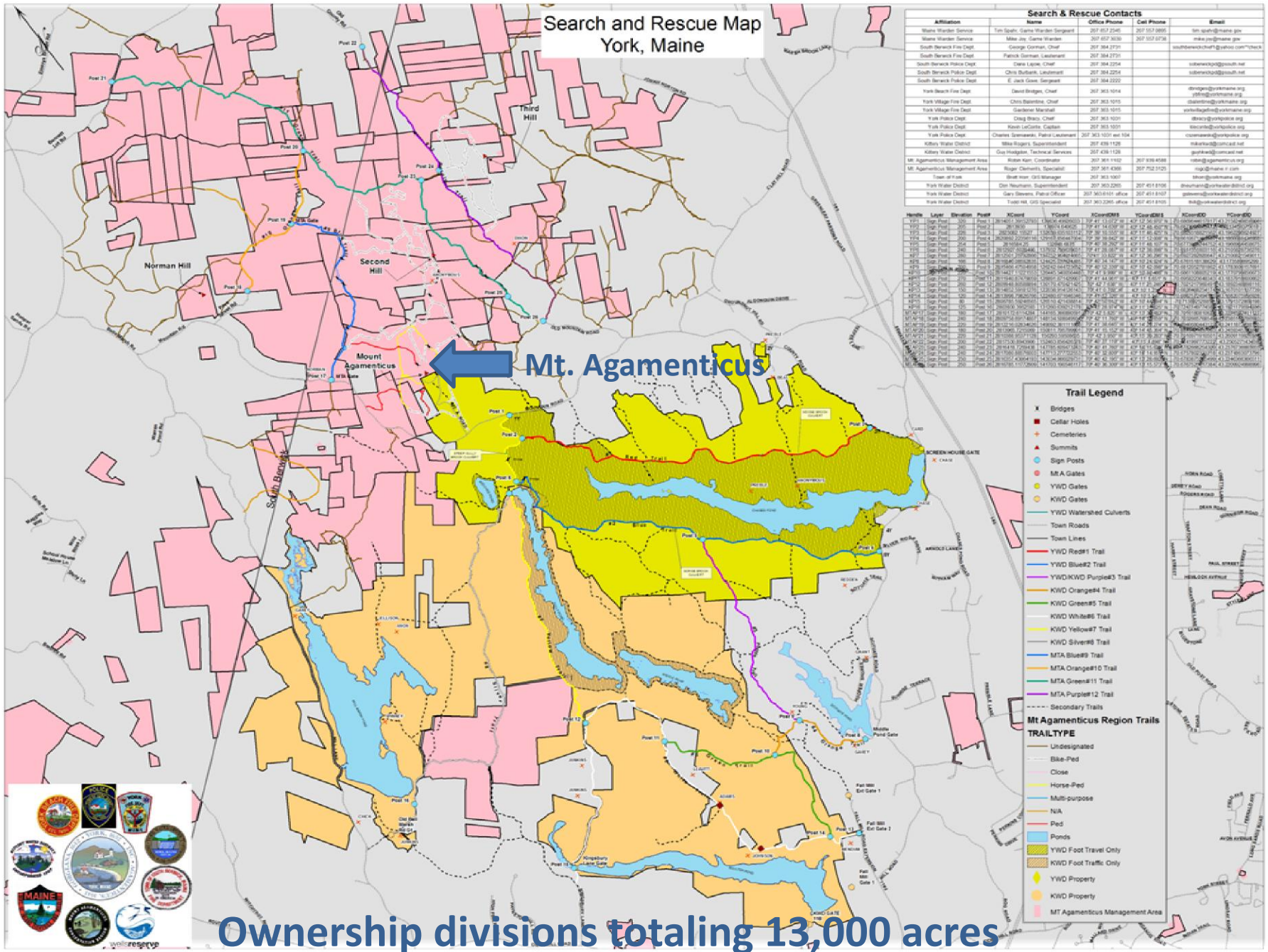


MtA2C Partners

- Great Works Regional Land Trust
- Kittery Land Trust
- Maine Coast Heritage Trust
- Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
- The Nature Conservancy – Maine Field Office
- Trust for Public Land
- US Fish and Wildlife Service/Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge
- Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve
- York Land Trust
- York Rivers Association

Search and Rescue Map

York, Maine

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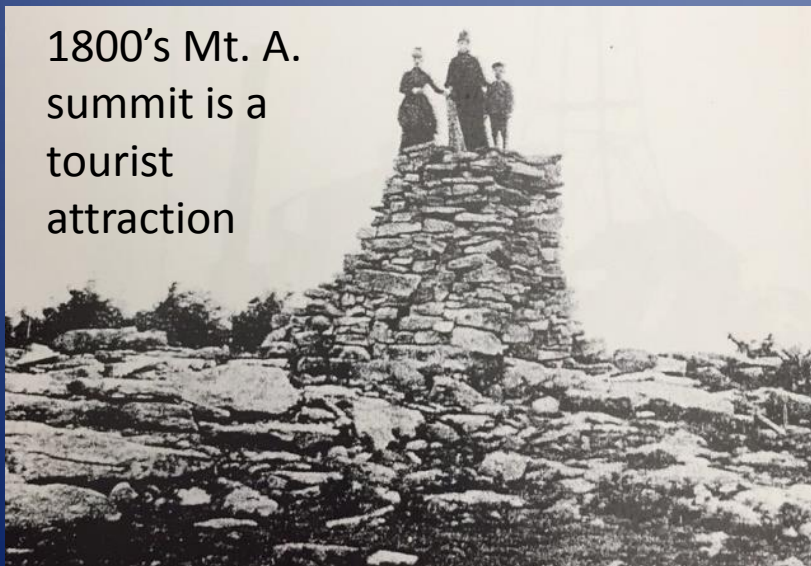
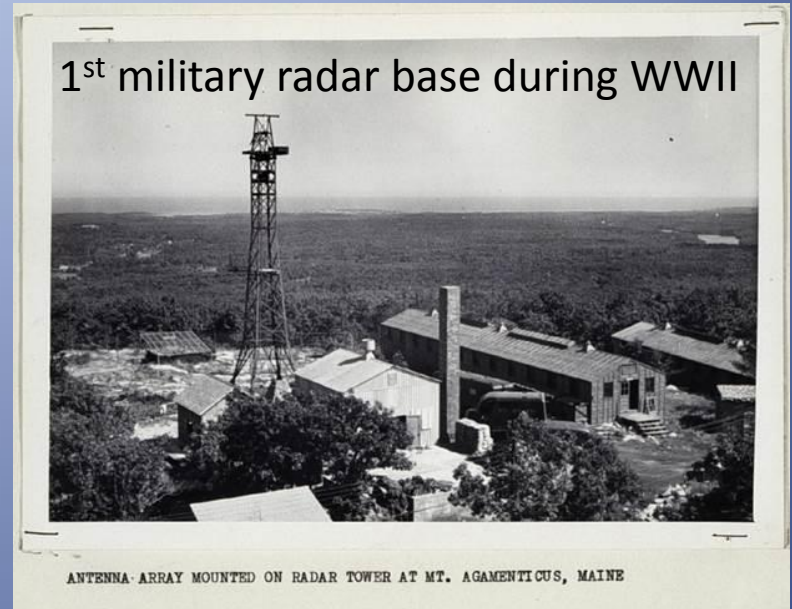
Ownership divisions totaling 13,000 acres

Although the Water Districts and Mt. A missions are slightly different we have common goals;



A need to protect the resource by getting people to understand and value it.

The Mt. A. Area has a Long History of Uses



In the 1970's

A developer proposed a 3,000 unit condominium complex on Mt. Agamenticus. In response to the developer proposal the **“Save Agamenticus”** committee was formed to establish the area as a wilderness area or wildlife preserve. The Town of York was able to stop the proposed development and protect the Mountain from any other threat of development by purchasing the land.

Later the **Mt. Agamenticus Steering Committee** was formed to develop planning guidelines, private land was purchased with an emphasis on preserving the natural resources, water quality and maintaining recreational access of the area.



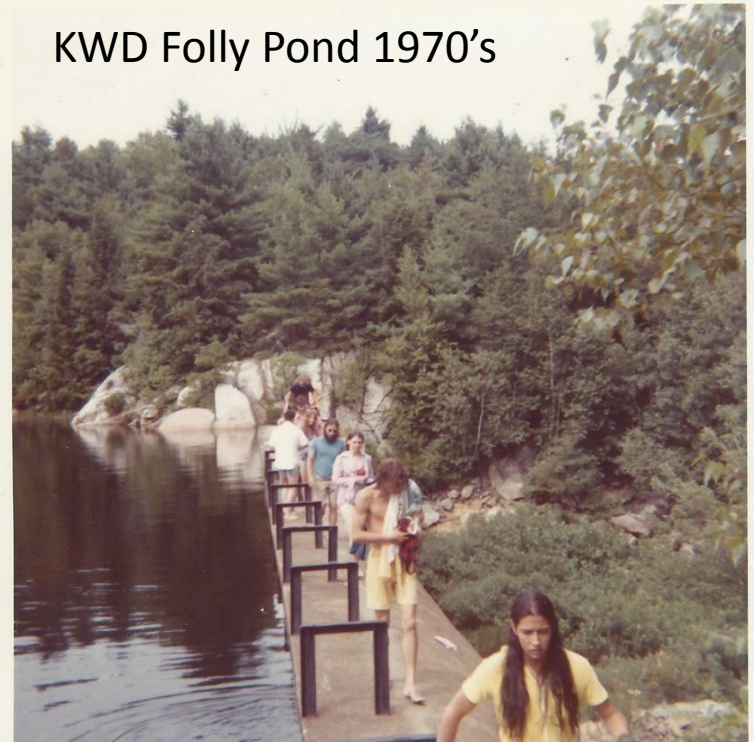
So What's The Problem?

This is a Very Busy Place!



- The easily accessible “remoteness” of this area and the water supply reservoirs has always been known as a place to go and not be bothered by anyone (authority) .
- Local police rarely came on the trails or to the ponds because they didn’t have the resources to patrol the miles of backcountry trails that lead to the ponds and surround the area.
- Underage drinking, drug abuse, swimming, camping, fires, fishing, erosion from 4X4 trucks, jeeps, dirt bikes & ATV’s, trash and dumping kept others out who are seeking a more acceptable outdoor experience.
- Water districts want to gain control of their watershed lands but the problem seems overwhelming and don’t have the resources to work on the problem.

KWD Folly Pond 1970’s



Were There Any Rules?

The Original Five

- NO BOATING
- NO FISHING
- NO SWIMMING
- NO CAMPING
- NO FIRES

And NO Enforcement of the Rules.

What Can a Water Utility Do?

In the late 1990's the York Water District realized problems in the watershed seem to be increasing and getting worse. We could no longer allow the problems to continue and began steps (baby steps) to take our watershed back.

And.....

A new funding source appeared.....



YWD Mt. Agamenticus Tower Site

First Steps To Tighten Things Up

- Begin a patrolling program in 1998
- Patrols were conducted by the treatment plant personnel twice a week M-F during regular business hours year round.
- Limited patrol notes logged in a day book.
- Very few photo's taken.
- To discourage 4X4 truck & jeep use we partner with Kittery Water District to install access gates and increase signage at all access points and use boulders to block other access points.
- Growing popularity in ATV use causes YWD to partner with KWD to initiate an ATV permit program.

The First Changes



1998 purchase a John Deere Gator to patrol the watershed.

ATV Watershed Permit program.

New rugged gates replace a weaker gate design or cables.

New signs advise ATV's to apply for a permit and for 4X4's to stay out.



2000 Time To Switch Things Up

After 2 years of patrols that seemed to do nothing but clean up the mess from the weekend warriors it was time to try something new. The next baby step.

- Designate one person to conduct all watershed patrols.
- Begin “mountain bike patrols”.
- Bike patrols are completed nights and weekends (times of high visitor use). Stay alert. Use your senses . Record everything.
- Employee is to blend in with other users, do not approach or stop any activity. Employee is to be unidentifiable.
- Will include a written report after every patrol to record use.
- Reports w/pictures faxed to Superintendent after every patrol.
- Begin to add rules to the “original five” as needed.
- Create a Watershed Brochure including rules and a map.
- Install trail boxes with watershed brochures at every access point so it is available to every person that enters through one of our gates.



New Patrols Provide Valuable Information

We realized very quickly these patrols were providing valuable information on how much unwanted or illegal activity was taking place on the district watershed property. It was unacceptable.



2002 The Next Step

After 2 years successfully gathering patrol information it was time to try another strategy.

- Patrol person will now be identifiable as a YWD employee by the clothing he wears while on patrol.
- Begin to approach recreational users. This is the start of public education & enforcement of district rules.
- Additional signage and property markings as well as revised rules in the watershed brochures.
- Reports are now emailed to the Superintendent w/pictures and report details are improved.
- All of these changes are the direct result of the past 2 years of patrol observations.

What Could Possibly Be Next?

2003 & 2004

- After 2 years of public education and enforcing the District rules it became clear if the patrol person was a police officer it would add the “Teeth” to the job that it needs.
- At the same time Mt. A is becoming more organized and more popular, the PD realized the need for a person of authority to have a “presence on and knowledge of the trails”.
- The PD was aware of the work we had been doing and some of the changes that had occurred because of it.
- Police Chief Doug Bracy, District Trustee’s, Town Selectmen and Town Manager all supported the idea of sending me through the training to become a police officer.

2003 & 2004 Continued

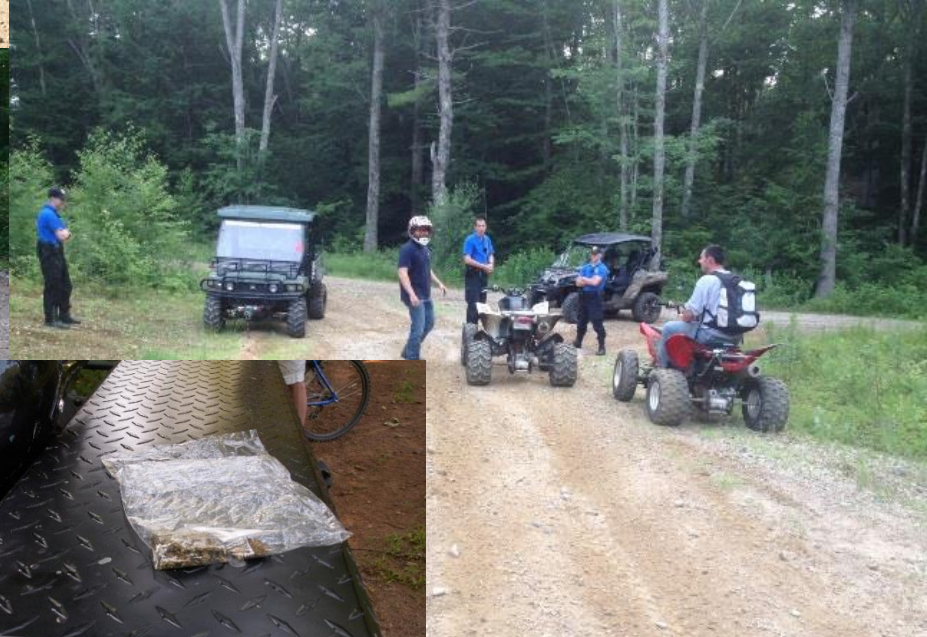
- At the same time Kittery Water District approached York Water District to see if our patrol person could patrol KWD in the same manner as YWD.
- YWD, KWD & YPD came to an agreement.
- In the late fall of 2003 I entered the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Reserve Officer Training.
- In the Spring of 2004 and early summer I completed the YPD training and was sworn in as a York Police Officer.
- July 2004 was the first patrol as a police officer and on both Water Districts lands. It was a surprise to recreational users. Not all are happy about it.

2005 Now What?

- After Governor Baldacci orders a review and recommended changes of ATV laws, ATV LE Grants become availableYPD applies.
- These grants are a perfect fit for the watershed patrols we are conducting.
- Two grant periods per year, spring and fall for general enforcement, multijurisdictional enforcement and equipment & training.
- YPD applies every year for both seasons and for both Multi and General, occasionally for training & equipment, we have never been denied! Over \$105,000 to date.
- Our Multijurisdictional partner is the Maine Warden Service.
- Our ATV LE Program is said to be the one to beat in the State of Maine.



ATV LE Patrols



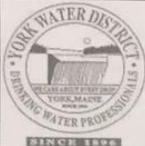
Benefits of ATV LE Grants

- Presence.
- Additional patrols beyond regular watershed patrols.
- Not limited to just water district lands.
- Other police officers become familiar with trails and problem areas.
- Multijurisdictional ATV LE patrols bring local game wardens into the area.
- Equipment grants aid in the purchase of ATV's and other equipment.
- Training grants provide mandatory training to operate ATV's & enforce ATV laws.


Record Keeping

- Details, details, details! Record everything in writing and PICTURES! you never know when the smallest detail will lead to something else.
- If a violation occurs record who, what, when, where and what was said.
- Be clear in what your telling the visitor/violator.
- Be clear when recording what you told them.
- When issuing a warning you may need to use this report as back up information for a second offense at a later date and possibly used with a summons to court to show repeat offenders.
- Read & re-read your reports, look for mistakes and correct them before you finalize it. Make sure it makes sense.

Keep Detailed Watershed Reports



July 2013
Kittery Water District
Watershed Patrol Report
Report Number 21
 Number of Person Contacts: 9



Date of Patrol		Patrolperson	Patrol Type	Patrol Hours	Miles Patrolled	Time IN: 13:15	Mile IN: 341.0
Saturday, July 13, 2013		Gary Stevens	ATV	4.00	14.0	Time OUT: 15:15	Mile OUT: 355.0
Patrol Conditions:							
Weather Description	Temp F	Stream Flows	Road/Trail Conditions	Fire Danger:	Watershed Split- Patrol Information		
Overcast	70	Slow	Some Pudding	LOW	Time IN 2: 15:30	Mile IN 2: 0.0	
					Time OUT 2: 17:30	Mile OUT 2: 0.0	
Notes: 5 HRS WS Patrol & 3 HRS ATV LE, 1hr Mt. A, 1 hr YWD, 1 Hr KWD.							

Section Log:		
Patrolled Sections	Section Description	Notes:
Section 5	Area around Folly Pond	
Section 6	Area around Middle Pond	
Section 7	Area around Boulder Pond	

Activity Log:			
Activity/Observation	Persons	Machines or Other	Section(s) Observed
Hiking/Walking/Running	5	0	Section 6
Swimming	4	0	Section 6
Vehicles Parked	0	4	Section 6
Marijuana	0	1	Section 6
Verbal Warning(s)	0	7	Section 6 Criminal Trespass
Summons Issued	0	1	Section 6 Possession of Marijuana

Patrol Narrative By: Gary Stevens

Saturday July 13, 2013 Very quiet today for a not too bad of day, we had a short break in the humidity. Saw 2 hikers on KWD and that was it today.

Monday July 15, 2013 3:00 PM - Joe texted me that he got a tip that some people are at Folly Pond swimming and smoking pot. I asked him about the tip, and asked if they are sure its Folly because Folly and Middle are often confused as one in the same. I took the Commander to Middle Pond Road at Scituate Pond to check the vehicles parked there. I saw a couple vehicles but a truck was blocking the road and the driver was not paying attention. There was a young guy standing there in shorts next to a scooter. I hit the siren, its more of a Blat than siren. It got his attention and moved. I decided that if these guys are going up to Middle pond for swimming I don't want them to alert any others so I drove past the gate, not even looking at it and went to Steve Goodwin's house, shut off the machine and acted like I was checking the house then started the machine drove past the young man and left.

I went to Fall Mill Ext. And saw no cars so I went straight up to Folly and found no one! I went back down by way of the trails to the Dam at Middle Pond. I have a spot where I can see the cliff but you cant see the machine and I saw someone on the cliffs. I glanced at the dam and ledge, no one there but did see a bike lying in the grass.

I took the machine all the way around the back of the cliffs and parked it then walked the woods to come in behind the cliffs quietly. When I reached the crest of the hill I could see several people young men and young women. I watched one get up from the crowd, sit by himself and it appeared to me he was sitting in a position and going through the motions as if he was rolling a joint. At the same time the others were passing around a large marijuana pipe, I saw it go around the young men but not sure if I saw the young women take it. After a few minutes watching and a couple pictures I crept in closer until I felt they would hear me walking then yelled YORK POLICE PUT THE PIPE DOWN! NOW! PUT IT DOWN NOW! I could see I had startled them and they tried to hide it under the leg of one young man. I said whose weed is it! WHOSE WEED IS IT! No reply. TELL ME WHOSE WEED IT IS OR YOU ALL GO DOWN FOR IT! 18 year old G. W. admitted it was his. I said I want it all right now! He pulled out a water bottle with a large bud in it and also handed me a grinder to grind the bud.

I asked names and ages put them in my phone, took a few pictures, told them to pick up the mess looked around, went through D. H. H. bag, he is the guy I saw at the gate next to the scooter-I didn't scare him off, he still came up to Middle Pond. is the one who sat by himself and appeared to be rolling a joint. I still think he got lucky and got it away from me somehow.

I had called dispatch and requested a cruiser meet me at Middle Pond Road and there would be 7 people coming out, one with marijuana violation. Officer Cogger responded. As the group walked out I picked up Mr. and took him to Officer Cogger so he could issue the summons while the rest made their way out. While I had Mr. with me I sternly explained what the Water Districts expect from people who use the area and that I'm here to patrol these ponds and make sure people abide by the rules. That this is private property and if they come back again it will be criminal trespass. I left him with Officer Cogger and then waited for the arrival of the others.

When they arrived Officer Cogger explained they would be warned for criminal trespass and took all the names and dates of birth then took their parents phone numbers (of the 5 that were under 18) then called the parents. One young lady from York was upset and struck me as a nice kid trying to fit in. Feel bad for her because she was the only one shaken up and was sobbing after her dad, talked to her. Another young woman from Brentwood, NH was irritating the out of me with her expressions like WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME THESE QUESTIONS, WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, I WASN'T DOING ANYTHING. This got old very quickly and I addressed her concerns, she acted this way all over again with Officer Cogger who quickly explained her problem again. While Officer Cogger was calling another parent she started again. I threatened her with a summons for her and all the rest for criminal trespass if she didn't shut her mouth. I spoke with her boyfriend and convinced him to keep her away from me and Officer Cogger because she and the rest of them are not out of the woods yet as far as summonses go! He completely understood as did the others. Next time I looked she was away from everyone else and not another expression or word spoken.

After going through everyone's bags again and a lecture on Public Water Supplies, private property, criminal trespass warnings buy both Officer Cogger and we sent them on their way. They all understand this isn't the place to come but the only one I feel I wont see again is the girl who was crying.

Patrol Warnings(s) Issued: 0 If Blank

Party Warning	Address	City, State ZIP	DOB:
Illegal Partying or Loitering on District property.	109	York, Maine 03909	
SUMMONS-POSSESSION MARIJUANA			
Swimming Warning	Address	City, State ZIP	DOB:
Illegal Swimming in watershed.		York, Maine 03909	
Criminal Trespass			
Swimming Warning	Address	City, State ZIP	DOB:
Illegal Swimming in watershed.	62 Rd	York, Maine 03909	
Criminal Trespass			
Swimming Warning	Address	City, State ZIP	DOB:
Illegal Swimming in watershed.	Rd	York, Maine 03909	
Criminal Trespass			
Swimming Warning	Address	City, State ZIP	DOB:
Illegal Swimming in watershed.	20 Rd	York, Maine 03909	
Criminal Trespass			

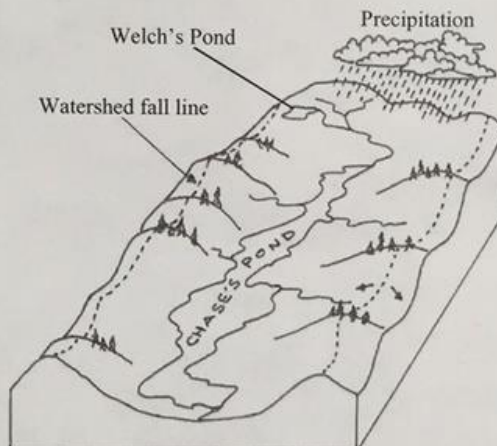
Rules of Use Brochures

2014 RULES OF USE

- 4 WHEEL VEHICLES (TRUCKS, JEEPS ETC.) ARE PROHIBITED.
- NO MOTORCYCLES OR DIRTBIKES.
- ATV'S AND SNOW MACHINES BY PERMIT ONLY.
- NO GASOLINE POWERED ENGINES ALLOWED ON THE PONDS AT ANYTIME.
- STAY ON MARKED TRAILS.
- STAY OUT OF CLOSED AREAS.
- THE MAKING OF NEW TRAILS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.
- NO BOATING, SWIMMING, OR CAMPING
- NO FISHING, OPEN WATER OR ICE FISHING.
- NO FIRES OF ANY KIND AT ANY TIME.
- NO TREE CUTTING.
- NO LITTERING, CARRY OUT WHAT YOU CARRY IN.
- THE MAXIMUM SPEED ON ALL TRAILS IS 15M.P.H.
- PET OWNERS MUST FOLLOW THE TOWN OF YORKS ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCES. PLEASE PICK UP YOUR PETS WASTE.
- NO TREE STANDS.
- HUNTING IS ALLOWED.
- OBEY ALL SIGNS.
- NO ORGANIZED GROUP ACTIVITIES.
- NO ROCK CLIMBING, REPELLING.
- THE POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IS PROHIBITED.
- NO FOOT TRAFFIC ALLOWED ON THE PONDS AT ANY TIME

What is a watershed?

A watershed is the area of land where all of the water that is under it or drains off of it goes into the same place, in this case **CHASE'S POND**.



The protection of Public Water Supplies will take on more significance as the Environmental Protection Agency and State Drinking Water Program's rules will be requiring the Districts to do more testing and reporting on our raw water quality. Our challenge will be to continue to allow limited recreational use of this protected area without this use interfering with our goal to enhance the raw water quality. The Districts intent is to continue to allow limited recreational use, to acquire as much of the watershed land as possible, to continue the source water monitoring program and to increase patrolling of this region.

YORK WATER DISTRICT KITTERY WATER DISTRICT PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY WATERSHED PROTECTION AREA RULES OF USE 2014



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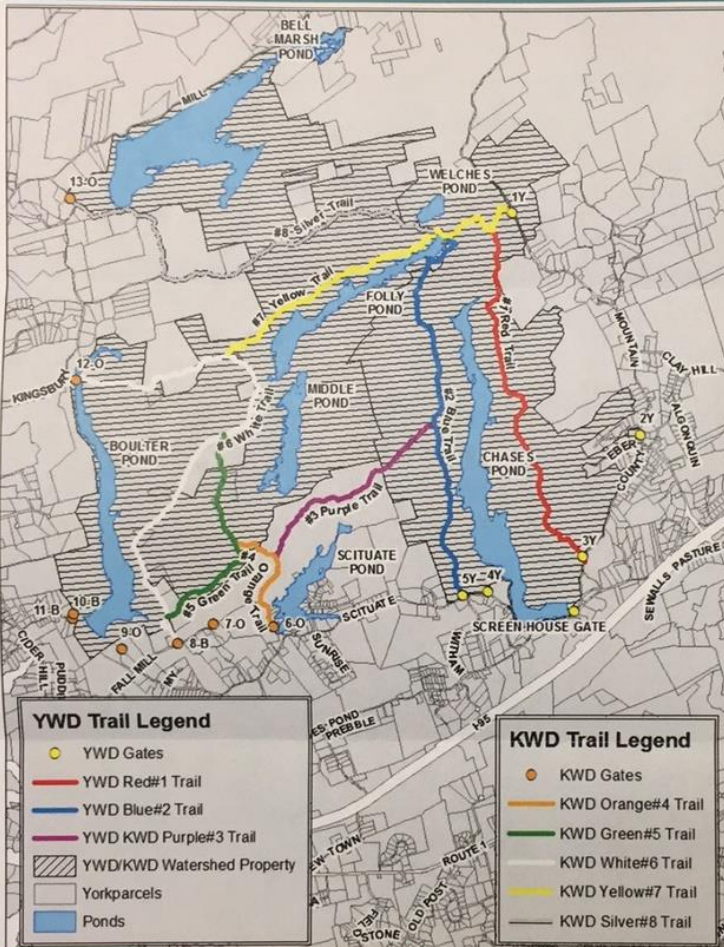
PET OWNERS

All dogs **MUST** be on a leash at all times.

You **MUST** carry and use a waste disposal bag for the purpose of picking up and removing pet waste from the property.

Violations will result in summonses.

NO MATTER WHERE YOU LIVE...YOU LIVE IN A WATERSHED



Recreational uses are prohibited on these ponds. The following ponds are public water supplies, they provide drinking water to thousands of people in York, Kittery, and Eliot. Please help us protect this valuable resource

CHASE POND
WELCHES POND
FOLLY POND
MIDDLE POND
BELL MARSH POND
BOULTER POND

**RECREATIONAL USES
ARE
PROHIBITED ON ALL OF
THESE PONDS**

The property owned by the
York and Kittery Water
Districts surrounding these
Ponds are

PRIVATE PROPERTY.

It is a privilege to pass
across this private land.
This privilege can be re-
voked at any time and for
any reason by the York
Water and/or Kittery Water
Districts.

**WHEN PARKING YOUR VEHICLE
PLEASE KEEP VALUABLES OUT OF SITE,
AND DOORS LOCKED FOR YOUR PRO-
TECTION**

**THIS AREA IS REGULARLY PATROLLED
BY THE YORK POLICE DEPT.
IF YOU ARE ON AN ATV AND YOU DO NOT HAVE A PERMIT YOU
WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE!**

WATERSHED TRAIL MAP

Rules of Use brochure and trail maps are located in trail boxes at YWD access gates.

Information includes:

- Contact info.
- Ownership info.
- Complete set of rules.
- Definition of a watershed.
- Color coded trails.
- Additional information on ATV use and pet exercising.

Thousands of these have been used from only 3 boxes.

ATV Permit Process

KITTERY AND YORK WATER DISTRICTS
2012/2014 WATERSHED ATV PERMIT
APPLICATION

ATV PERMITS ARE ONLY ISSUED TO RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNS THAT ARE SERVED BY THE KITTERY AND YORK WATER DISTRICTS, including Kittery, Kittery Point, Eliot, York and Cape Neddick.

The undersigned agrees to the following terms and conditions set forth as a privilege to operate a motorized All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) on certain property of the Kittery and York Water Districts located in the Mt. Agamenticus area in York Maine. The ATV is to be used only on designated logging (tote) roads and trails. Roads and trails that have been closed off to ATV's will be blocked with boulders or logs and signs will be present. Water related activities are strictly prohibited. No swimming, fishing, boating, ice skating, or ice fishing are allowed on any of the Districts' public water supply reservoirs, including BOULTER POND, MIDDLE POND, FOLLY POND and BELL MARSH RESERVOIR (KITTERY'S supply) or CHASE'S POND and WELCH'S POND (YORK'S supply). Foot travel only, within 250' of the normal high water mark of any of the above listed reservoirs, unless you are on an approved trail. Other prohibited activities include tree cutting, burning of fires of any kind at any time, camping and any other activity that would anyway degrade the land or water supply. There is a "carry in, carry out policy, no littering. This privilege to pass across the property of the Districts with an ATV is non-transferable and revocable at the will of the Districts, and shall expire June 30th of each year (unless previously revoked by the Districts). The Districts reserve the right to limit the number of permits issued for any reason. The Districts also reserve the right to close the watershed properties anytime it feels the water quality could be in danger of contamination. For a complete list of rules please refer to the YWD RULES OF USE BROCHURE.

The undersigned assumes all risks associated with operating an ATV on the Districts' properties, with the understanding that operating an ATV on unpaved roads and trails is an inherently dangerous activity, and that the Districts have made no representation that the roads and trails are safe for such use.

I hereby agree to follow these terms and conditions set forth by the Kittery Water District and York Water District and in no way will hold the Districts liable for bodily injury or property damage resulting from my presence on the Districts' properties.

When returning this application, a copy of your driver's license and a copy of your registration for the upcoming year will be needed.

THIS PERMIT MUST BE KEPT WITH THE ATV WHILE USING THE WATERSHED PROPERTY

This permit expires June 30th of each year

Please Print:

Name of primary user: _____ Permit number _____

Mailing address of primary user: _____

Telephone number of primary user: _____

ATV plate number: _____ State: _____

Please list the names of people other than the primary user who may be using this ATV on the watershed property:

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Kittery Water District Superintendent or York Water District Watershed Operator approval:

Signature _____ Date: _____

ATV WATERSHED PERMITS

- Available to Kittery, Eliot & York residents only.
- ATV must be registered in Maine.
- Must reapply annually.
- Each permit good for YWD & KWD.
- No Dirt bikes
- Permits are free.
- Limit of 500 permits/year.
- Includes guest permits.

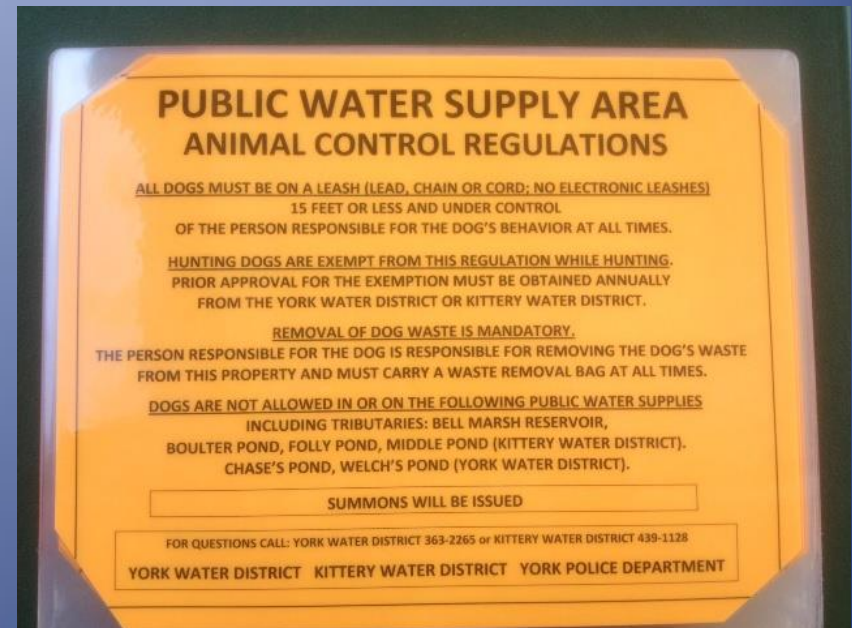
**KITTERY WATER
DISTRICT
WATERSHED PERMIT
YORK WATER
DISTRICT
EXPIRATION DATE 6/30/15
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Signs

Rules and Policy

Signs should be:

- clear and understandable
 - Eye catching.
 - Leave no wiggle room in the rules, No means No!
 - List do's
 - List don'ts.
 - List contact information
 - Where do these rules apply.
 - Should be at every access point and on trails at property lines.
- Don't give the visitor a chance to say they didn't know. **ALTHOUGH-** they will anyway.



To enforce your rules “signs must be located in a place reasonably likely to be seen by an intruder”.



As long as you post it that way you've done your part.
Don't concern yourself with "I didn't see it, I didn't read it".

Signs

Directional (or S & R)

- Directional or Search & Rescue signs were developed after multiple & growing numbers of lost or injured person calls in the Mt. A. Region.
- S&R Marking & Mapping Project was the combined efforts of YWD/KWD/Mt. A/YPD/SBPD/SBFD/ YBFD/YVFD/ MDIF&W/ ToY/WR.
- Posts located at intersections are numbered.
- First line indicates what property you are on and color of that trail.
- Next lines indicate distance to and color of next trail.
- Tag below the sign gives the 3 most frequently used GPS coordinates.
- Trail shape-indicates what property you are on.
- The color of the shape indicates what trail you are on.
- A trail color coded map was also created for first responders.



Little Things That Make a Big Difference The Public Will Notice.

GENERAL:

- Keep things neat and clean.....At all times!
- When gates need paint, paint them.
- See a wrapper, can, bottle, pet waste bag remove it.
- Find a fire pit, clear it. Make it look like it never happened.
- Sign ripped down? Replace immediately.
- Stay alert during patrols and pay attention to the little things, use your senses-sight, sound, smell.
- Look at the trail/road for tracks; tucks, dirt bikes, ATV's, bikes, look for changes; new trail?

Little Things That Make a Big Difference The Public Will Appreciate

Personal:

- Talk to everyone. Let them know your out there to help.
- Be nice, a friendly face, respectful to everyone never hold a grudge. Make it hard for them to talk bad of you.
- If someone needs help, help them, go out of your way.
- Always hold your ground, never back down, take charge, but always give respect ~~even~~ ESPECIALLY when they don't (this can be fun). Some want to get under your skin.
- Be understanding, give examples of what you use to do.
- Never lecture, never talk down to anyone. "Kill them with kindness". Be honest unless you can't be honest. Hmm?

Oh Crap!

What About the Dogs?



\$400 to remove quills



It's ok cause it's biodegradable?

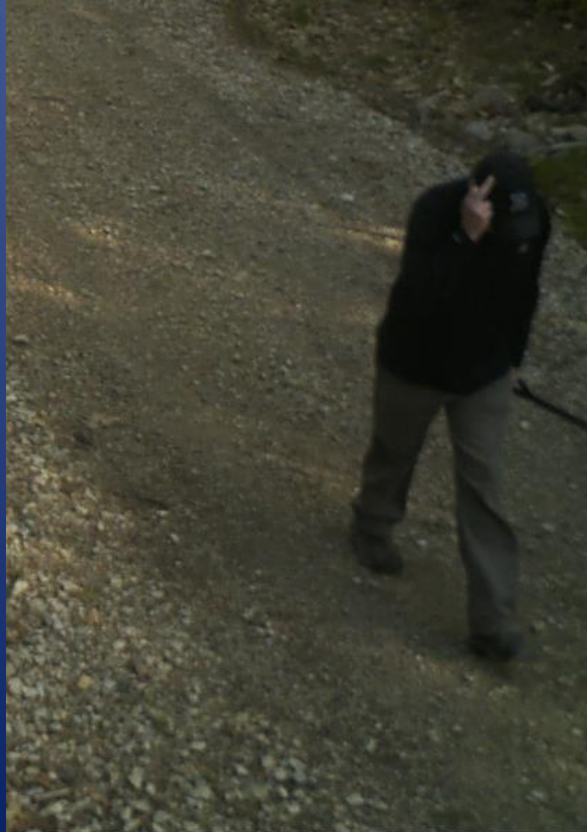
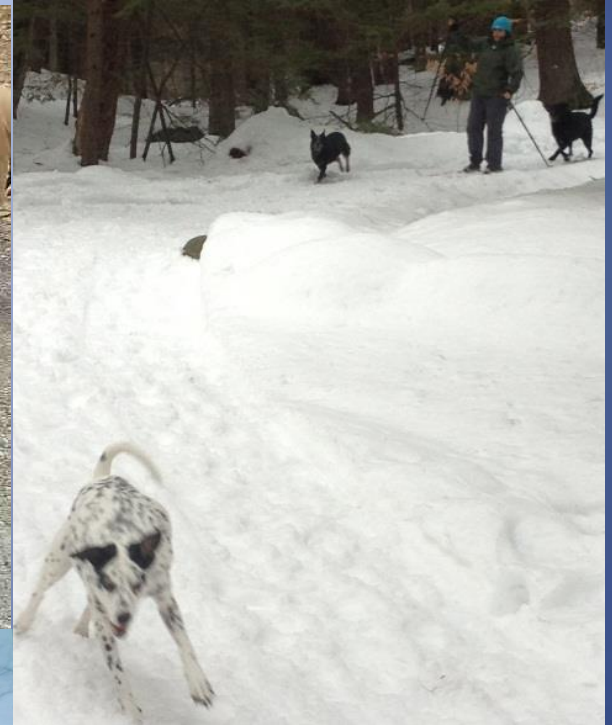
Town of York Animal Control

Ordinance Section 4 Control of Dogs

When off the premises of the owner, a dog shall be on a leash and under control of a person responsible for the dog's behavior, except as follows:

1. Dogs at use during hunting;
2. Dogs used for law enforcement;
3. Service dogs;
4. Dog on private property w/landowner permission;
5. Dogs on public beaches in accordance w/section 10'

Def. Leash: a hand held device (lead, chain or cord) 15' or less and held by the responsible party.



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Town of York Animal Control Ordinance

Section 9 Control of Animal Waste

Basically; carry a bag, pick up your pet waste and dispose of properly.



These are not examples of disposing of waste properly.

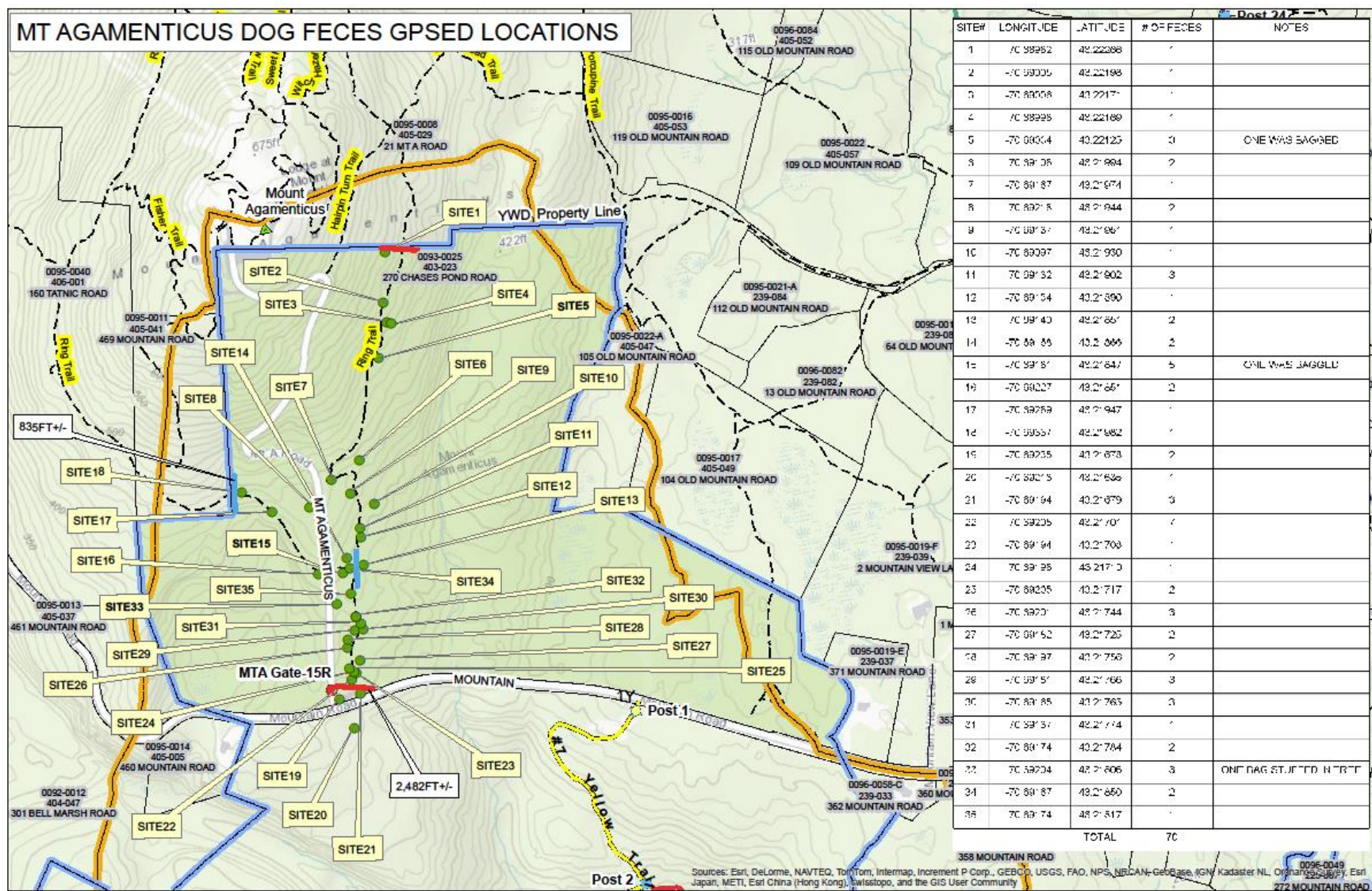


Privilege to Use the Property Can and Will be Suspended for Repeat Offenders

1 st offense	Warning.
2 nd offense	Summons to court.
3 rd offense	2 nd summons to court and privilege suspended 1 year.
4 th offence	during suspension or after the 1 year suspension; Summons to court for Criminal Trespass and no longer allowed on property.

We haven't gone further than 3rd offenceYet

We've come along way but there's more to do....



Social Media

Sometimes it's good.



Sometimes it's not.



Either way, if I see it, it can be useful to me.

Social Media Continued

Before we meet



After we meet



Don't Be Afraid to Use a Trail Cam Or 2



The up side;

- Watch trail use and numbers
- User patterns
- Tell you who the liars are

The down side;

- Expensive
- Difficult to hide
- Time consuming to review and record information to find the patterns., trail use, numbers etc.

You may not like what you find...

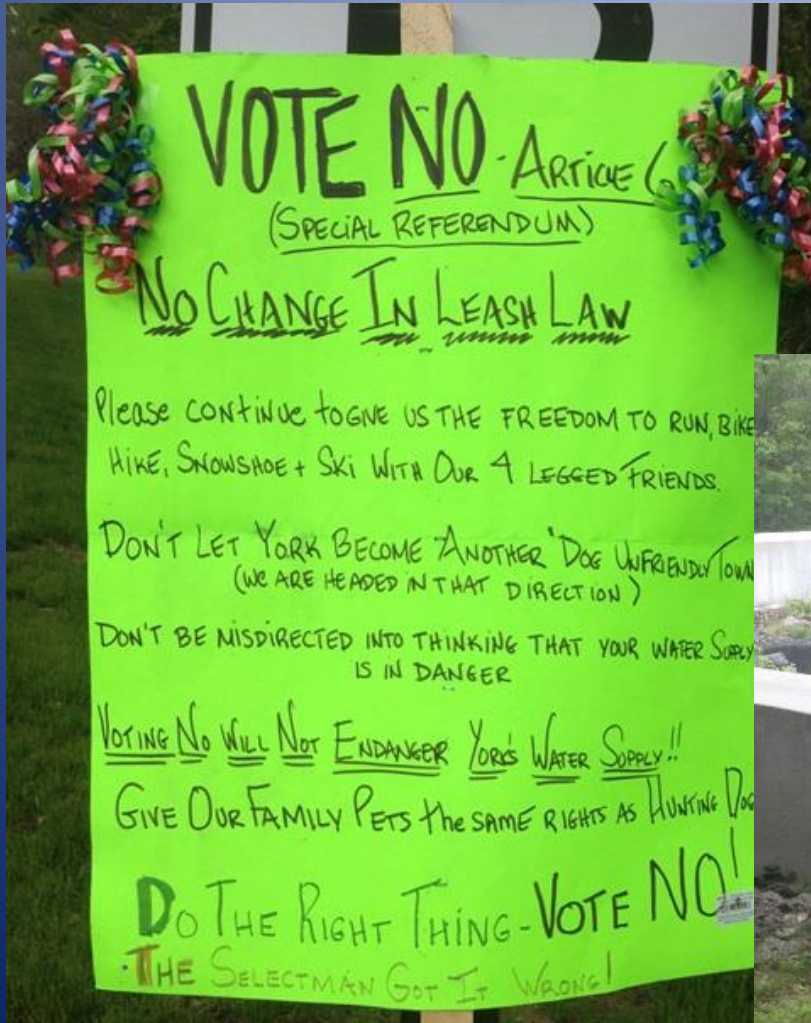
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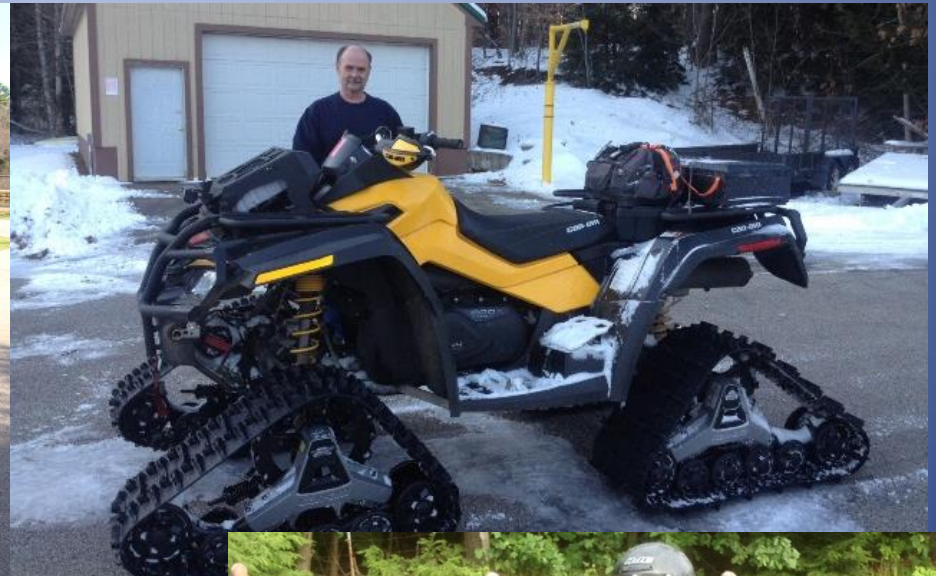
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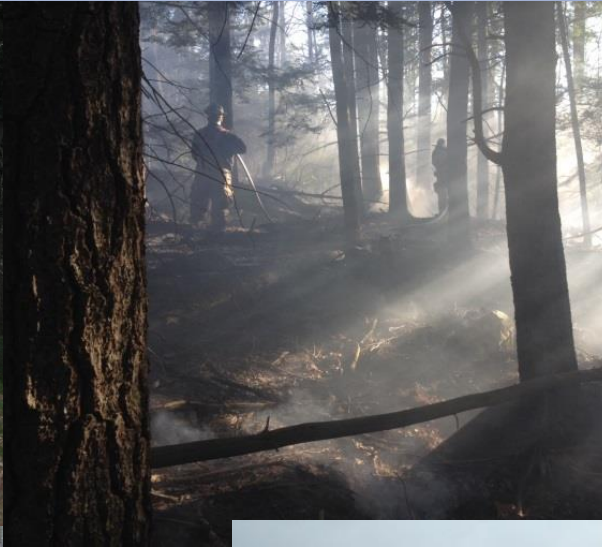
Not Everyone Appreciates You



Patrol Equipment



Search & Rescue, Injuries and Fires



Questions?



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